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I AM THINE.

Lord, I am thine, all glory to thy name;
Of thy law my life, my steps resign;
O right thou dost my love, my worship claim,
And I am thine.

In paths of doubt I wandered, lost, of yore,
When, lo! upon my path thou didst appear;
Once was my heart a void, and death in store;
Now I am thine.

The world erewhile enchained my captive soul,
But now I dwell beneath thy rule divine;
Sweet is thy yoke, on thee my cares I roll,
For I am thine.

Me to receive with welcome to thy heart,
Thine arms outspread, and looks of love combine;
O Lord, I come; I choose that better part,
Thine, wholly thine.

Possessing thee, I am of all possessed;
And 'tis by faith this happy lot is mine;
Upon thy bosom, Lord, in peace I rest,
Thine, only thine.

None from the Book of Life shall blot my name;
No tempter from my path my steps incline;
'Tis death, 'tis life, thy piercing glance of flame;
But I am thine.

While on this earth I sojourn by thy will,
My Saviour and my God, still be thou mine;
Till safe in Heaven I bless thy mercy still,
Forever thine.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

The following, from the *Church Weekly*, we suppose may be accepted as semi-official:—
"We regret to learn that the Bishop of the Diocese of New York has thought it his duty to prohibit, at least for the present, the Evangelist Fathers from officiating in the diocese."
—The *Congregationalist* says:—"In connection with divine service at Emmanuel Church, Boston, a few Sabbaths since, a 'sacred concert' was given. To be sure, there was only one performer, Miss Annie L. Cary, and only two pieces on the programme, 'Rest in the Lord' and 'Vouchsafe, O Lord'; still, as the event was duly announced in the papers previously, and the fair singer was reported subsequently as having sung in a manner that was a source of delight to all present, and as having received, at the conclusion of the service, the congratulations of 'her many friends in the society,' we infer that it was a concert fairly. The lady's talent is not mentioned."

—The Rev. Dr. Ewer, of Christ Church, New York, has returned from Europe in much improved health. It is said, nothing further has transpired with reference to the transfer of that edifice to the parish of St. Bartholomew. The negotiations, it is said, are still pending.

—The vestry of Trinity Church, New York, have arranged to have the choir of that church augmented on the four principal feasts of the Episcopal calendar—Easter, Ascension, White Sunday, and Christmas. In addition to the assistance of the organ, there will be harp, violin, flute, and brass instruments.

The *Trinitarian* report of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society shows that during the three years ending October 31, 1870, it has gratuitously distributed 13,097 Bibles and Testaments, and 59,548 Prayer Books, at a cost of \$25,986. Since its establishment in 1809, it has been supported entirely by Church contributions.

—A young man called at St. Luke's Hospital, in New York, a day or two since, and, without giving his name or address, handed Dr. Mahlenburg \$1000 (two \$500 bills), saying:—"This is for the building fund of the Midnight Mission."

—When the Bishop of Nebraska entered his field, five years ago, there were in Nebraska about 50,000 whites and 50,000 Indians. Now there are 150,000 white men in his jurisdiction. From seven clergymen and four churches the number has increased to twenty-eight clergymen and twenty-five churches—four of these buildings being in Dakota.

CONGREGATIONAL.

—The Rev. A. L. Stone, D. D., of San Francisco, has been called to the pastorate of the Central Congregational Church in Ormond Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

—The minutes of the General Association of Missouri report 61 churches and 2457 members, a gain of 527 during the year; and the 39 churches which report their benevolent contributions have more than doubled them during the year.

—The Rev. J. W. Haley, of Duxbury, has been invited by the American Missionary Association to go to Baton Rouge, La., to organize a Congregational church.

—The will of Mrs. Mary Jane Sweetzer, of Port Huron, was admitted to probate recently. It gives, besides \$30,000 to the chair of Ecclesiastical History in Chicago Theological Seminary, \$4000 to the income to be for the benefit of the Congregational Sunday-school at Port Huron, a similar bequest of \$1000 to the Congregational Church at Falmouth, Maine (her native place); \$1000 to the deacons of the Port Huron Church for a pastor's library; \$5000 each to the American Home Missionary Society, American Congregational Union, American Missionary Association, and American Board, and a residuary legacy of \$5000 to the Western Education Society.

—The Rev. Edward A. Rand, of South Boston, has declined a call to the Second Congregational church in San Francisco, California.

—The Rev. L. N. Crandall has recently resigned the pastorate of Plymouth church in Burlington, Wisconsin, and accepted a position on the Faculty of Washington University in St. Louis.

—Ten years ago, says the *Congregationalist*, the highest salary paid to any Unitarian Congregationalist clergyman in Massachusetts was \$4000. Last year, twenty-eight churches paid \$2500; nineteen churches, \$3000; twelve churches, \$3500; five churches, \$4000; one church, \$4500; and three churches, \$5000.

—The Memorial Church has been organized in the southern part of Chicago, and they have purchased a meeting house which will accommodate about three hundred persons, pledged money more than enough to pay for it, and secured the Rev. Dr. Hyde, of Chicago Seminary, to supply their pulpit.

PRESBYTERIAN.

—Thirty-four persons were added to the church of Mt. Olivet, Mo., lately, four by certificate and thirty by profession of their faith in Christ. Many of these were heads of families, and most were in the bloom of youth.

—On Sabbath, the 20th of November, thirteen persons were received into the communion of the Presbyterian church, Frederickburg, Va. Other fruits of a joyful harvest are expected.

—Mount Horeb Church, near Waver's Cave, Augusta county, Va., is under the pastoral care of the Rev. H. H. Hawes, and was formerly a part of the old Augusta Church. Many there have recently professed their faith in Christ, and others are seeking him.

—Within the past few weeks sixteen persons have united with Union Church, Mass., under the care of the Rev. S. M. Montgomery. Quite a number of others are anxiously inquiring how to be saved.

—The Presbyterian Church at Truro, Nova Scotia, has had but three pastors in one hundred years. The present pastor was installed in 1838. One of the elders has held the office for sixty-seven years.

—The average support of the ministry in the South Carolina Presbytery has increased in the last five years from \$500 per annum to over \$700; the average salary of the pastors in the Charleston Presbytery is over \$1500.

METHODIST.

—The Rev. Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., has declined the chair of Practical Theology in Drew Theological Seminary, to which he was recently elected by the unanimous vote of the trustees of that institution.

—At the recent session of the Southwest German Conference the Rev. Leonard Hillman, a converted Roman Catholic, was admitted on trial in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

—The Wisconsin Methodist Conference was recently held. There are in that State 13,345

members, an increase over last year of 396. There are 1640 probationers; 144 local preachers; 163 churches; 254 Sunday-schools, with 3676 officers and teachers and 16,441 scholars. The church property is valued at \$105,350.

—The Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio, has assets amounting to \$370,233. It is proposed to raise \$30,000 additional for a Thomson professorship.

—The statistics of the Ohio Conference indicate an increase of 420 thousand members the past year, also a material increase in contributions.

—At the recent Methodist State Convention, held in Bloomington, Ill., a resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a daily paper, to be under the direction and control of that denomination. Dr. E. O. Haven, President of the University at Evanston, is chairman of the committee appointed to take the matter in charge. There are 110,459 members of the M. E. Church in the State, of whom 812 are travelling preachers.

—Twenty-four years ago American Methodism had not one representative in China. Now she has three mission districts in three provinces of the empire, namely, in Foochow, Kiu Kiang, and Feking. In the Foochow mission alone there were baptized during the past year 383 adults and 65 children, a total of 448; and the church register contains the names of 638 members, 772 probationers, and 186 baptized children, a total of 1616. The property held by the Foochow mission is valued at \$35,190.

—The business of the New York Book Concern has increased fifty-four thousand dollars for the ten months of the current year over the corresponding ten months of last year. All the bonds have been sold, and many more could have been easily disposed of.

—The Rev. Mr. Donner, pastor of the Lutheran church at Elizabeth, Ind., has joined the Methodist Episcopal Church.

—The Rev. George H. Hastings, of Illinois, has returned from his visit to Sweden, bringing about twenty candidates for the Lutheran ministry, who are in the training school at Paxton, Illinois.

—English Synod of New York members at present twenty-two members and embraces two Swedes, four Germans, one Hollander, and preaches the Gospel in five languages.

—The "Baptist General Convention" of Oregon has the names of forty ministers upon its roll.

—Mr. E. W. Cook, of Havana, New York, has offered to present to the Baptist State Convention the costly building, worth \$150,000, erected in Havana some years ago for a "People's College," if they will organize a first-class academy.

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